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Events in Bonfield

- ✓ **Fall Classic Races**
Fri Sept. 19 - Sun Sept. 21, 2025
- ✓ **Rockin' Horse Western Show**
Saturday Sept 27, 2025
- ✓ **Rolly's Pumpkin Carving Event**
Saturday Oct 18, 2025
- ✓ **Halloween in Bonfield**
 - House Decorating - entries due Friday Oct 17, 2025
 - 6th Annual Halloween Parade Saturday Oct 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Pumpkin Carving Contest - entries due Friday Oct 31, 2025
- ✓ **Golden Age - Christmas Bazaar**
Sunday Nov 2, 2025
- ✓ **Remembrance Day Service**
Date to be determined
- ✓ **Christmas in Bonfield - Soup & Chili Contest**
Saturday Nov 29, 2025



and more...



Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

As we transition into the fall season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible summer we've shared. From our Canada Day celebrations to Movie in the Park, Bonfield enjoyed a season filled with memorable events and meaningful opportunities to connect as a community. We also came together in response to the devastating storm we experienced in June. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Township Staff, the Bonfield Fire Department, neighbouring municipalities, Council, and individual residents who contributed to the recovery efforts.

Looking ahead, there is much to be excited about. The Township is preparing to launch our new Business Retention and Expansion Initiative, Growing Bonfield Together. This important program will help us better understand and support our local businesses, identify opportunities for growth, and guide the future of our local economy.

At the same time, our Recreation and Fitness Committee, along with many dedicated community groups, has been busy organizing a full lineup of events for the coming months. Among these is the 6th Annual Bonfield Halloween Parade, taking place on Saturday, October 25. This much-loved tradition is only possible with the support of our community, and I encourage everyone to get involved—whether through the house decorating contest, parade and float contest, or pumpkin carving competitions.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making Bonfield a wonderful place to call home. Together, let's embrace the opportunities this new season brings and continue to grow as a community.

Mayor Narry Paquette



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BUSINESS IN BONFIELD



BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION INITIATIVE

Township of Bonfield 'Agri-Food Forum' 2025

The Township of Bonfield is preparing to host an Agri-Food Forum to take place in late **November 2025** at the Bonfield Community Center. We are currently working on the precise date(s) and format for the event, and further details will be communicated shortly.

The event seeks to bring together local area farmers and agri-food businesses; plus, regional experts and funding partners to discuss the key issues and opportunities facing the agri-food sector here in Bonfield. Through attendance, you will benefit from new knowledge and information, plus professional networking, and have an opportunity to collaborate in the development of local agri-food plans and initiatives moving forward.

If you are a farmer, agri-food producer, or someone with other interests and expertise in the agri-food sector, we invite you to contact us and discuss your participation. Please email ecdev@bonfieldtownship.com for reference.



Save the Date! Township of Bonfield 'Developer's Forum' Wednesday November 26, 2025.

The Township of Bonfield is preparing to host a Developer's Forum to take place on the morning of Wednesday November 26, 2025, at the Bonfield Community Center. We are currently working on the precise agenda, and further details will be communicated in our October Newsletter.

The event seeks to bring together local investors, landowners, construction professionals, and public officials, to discuss existing and proposed / emerging legislation, regulations, planning policies, by-laws, funding opportunities, and other best practices, across the Development Industry. The event will comprise of a half-day of learning, knowledge and information-sharing, professional networking; and opportunities to collaborate in the development of local plans and initiatives.



If you are a property owner, homebuilder, contractor, realtor, government official, or anyone else involved in the Development Sector, we invite you to contact us and discuss your participation. Please email ecdev@bonfieldtownship.com for reference.

Growing Bonfield Together: Community Business Survey 2025

The Township of Bonfield is preparing to launch its new Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Initiative to be known locally as 'Growing Bonfield Together: Community Business Survey 2025. Our tailored program is being designed in accordance with provincial ministry guidelines and presents a new opportunity for the Township to identify those businesses already operating within the Township, plus any successes or challenges they may be facing.

We're also excited to have recruited a talented team of regional partners representing the Ministry of Northern Economic Development & Growth, the Ministry of Rural Affairs, The Labour Market Group, NECO Community Futures Development Corporation, and The Business Centre Nipissing Parry Sound to assist us in conducting each survey / interview with participating businesses and organizations. This is your opportunity to guide the development of Bonfield's new Economic Development Strategy to guide our sustainable growth and development now, and in the future.



The following statement is offered by Mayor Narry Paquette, and Members of Council

BUSINESS IN BONFIELD

Dear Business Owners and Constituents in the Township of Bonfield,

On behalf of Council, it is my pleasure to introduce the Township's new Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Initiative: "Growing Bonfield Together: Community Business Survey 2025". It has been several years since the Township focused its efforts on community economic development. In recent weeks, Council adopted a brand-new Strategic Plan and provided staff with direction to pursue a detailed Economic Development Strategy for the Township as a whole.



And now, with your input, we'd like to uncover our core strengths; our economic assets; and the existing businesses that may require extra support. We also want to learn from those businesses that are already succeeding and assist their future growth potential. Inevitably, by increasing our employment base, we will become more sustainable and resilient as a community.

As many will understand, a large proportion of the inward investment we're currently experiencing has been fueled by new land division and house-building projects. Local area developers, consultants, and general contractors are a hugely important contributor to economic growth within our Township. So much so, that our "Small Community with a Big Heart" has now become one of the fastest growing communities in Nipissing District!

Working with partners across the Development Industry, we're leading the way on new housing projects, designed to meet the needs of our changing demographics. Examples include the new Bonfield Seniors Housing complex on Eric Street, and a raft of starter homes, plus multi-residential units now under construction, or being restored throughout the Township. In addition, through our newly adopted policies on Additional Dwelling Units, we're also introducing new ways for property owners to build more affordable and attainable housing solutions.

All said, communities with a rich heritage like ours don't just exist to build housing. We're also a resourceful community, full of doers and innovators, and we want to attract new, innovative, and increasingly diverse businesses to the Township. By working together, we can all help secure new inward investment, including light industries, agri-food producers, public institutions, retailers, professional services, tourist establishments, and hospitality-based businesses. There's certainly space to accommodate more, as we continue to invest, expand, and grow Bonfield together!

So, the real work on this exciting project starts now! Will your business join us on this journey? The interviews will take approximately one hour of your time and can be conducted either in person or virtually. We also welcome the invitation to meet with you at your business premises. Our talented team of volunteers can also connect you to other information and resources, including potential funding sources. Your feedback will also help inform future decision-making in the Township of Bonfield.

The program will officially be launched in October 2025, with interviews to be scheduled until mid-January 2026. The team will then analyze and report back on the results by the Summer of 2026! Stay tuned for full details regarding the launch of the initiative. In the meantime, if you have further questions, or would like to ensure your businesses' participation, please email: ecdev@bonfieldtownship.com

Yours sincerely,
Mayor Paquette and Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government Week October 19 - 25, 2025

Local Government Week in Ontario is celebrated annually during the third week of October to increase public awareness of the important roles local governments play in communities.

Upcoming Projects in Bonfield

Tenders Accepted!

1. Winter Sand stockpile and pickling
2. Replenishing Granular A Stockpile
3. Double Surface treatment on two partial roads
 - i) Development Road from Rutherglen Line to Mount Pleasant Road
 - ii) Pine Lake Road end of current treated surface to Shields Point intersection



Office Septic Tank Replacement

A new septic system to be installed at the Township Office to match the updated use, as the original tank was intended to be used for the change room only. The contract was awarded to AMV Septic and Plumbing who will install a new tank with a 11,000 litre capacity in late September

New radio system for Emergency Services

The Township of Bonfield's Emergency Services and the Bonfield Fire Department have approved a bid from Spectrum to upgrade the Fire Department's radio communications system. This will include the supply and installation of a dispatch and voice logging system for Bonfield's Fire Department and first responders communications, Municipal Emergency Operations Center and Fire Hall #1.

The new system will provide capabilities such as voice dispatch, voice recording, event logging, and administrative reporting. This upgrade represents a significant step in supporting the Fire Department's critical work by ensuring that all calls and communications are digitally logged in real time. It will enhance operational efficiency, enable accurate and timely reporting, and allow Emergency Services to document and track lessons learned to continually improve service and response operations. Additionally, the system will assist in the timely response to emergencies, such as the major storm experienced in June 2025.

Property Tax Payments

- Final Tax Bills are **due Sept 30, 2025**

Did you know Bonfield Township offers a Pre-authorized Payment Plan?

Benefits of PAPP:

- ✓ Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank on a monthly or bi-annual schedule.
- ✓ Never miss a payment.
- ✓ Avoid interest charges.



Visit www.bonfieldtownship.com/taxes for all the details on payment options, how your property taxes are calculated and more.

Missed the Council Meeting?

Subscribe to our News & Notices to receive updates after each Council Meeting to learn more about what topics were on the Agenda. Visit www.bonfieldtownship.com for details.

Bonfield Landfill Site

185 Bluesea Rd, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0
Contact Public Works: 705-776-2659



Hours of Operation

Wednesdays (until Oct 16th)
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Yard Clean Ups

Each landfill card allows for two yard clean up days per year. These loads are meant for bags of miscellaneous garbage and other items such as broken yard tools, kids toys, old lawn chairs or plastic feed bags.



Free dump loads cannot be used in-lieu for items with set tipping fees i.e furniture, shingles or appliances.

Please see the Yard Clean Ups Guide and Landfill Tipping Fees Bylaw 2024-23 for details.

Register your cats and dogs!

Tags must be renewed each year starting January 1st.

Dog or Cat License Fees 2025

Before March 1st - \$20.00

Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00

Replacement tag - \$4.00



BONFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Rating - Check the Township Website

The Fire Rating is regularly updated by the Fire Department. Visit

www.BonfieldTownship.com/fire-rating

Fire Prevention Week Oct 5-11, 2025

This year's campaign, **Charge into Fire Safety™ - Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home**, works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to **BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE** safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Did you know? Lithium-Ion batteries store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY, CHARGE and RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.

More fire safety tips can be found on the National Fire Prevention Association at www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week



Visit your local firehall for more information!

Fire Chief Shaun McGee and other members of the Bonfield Fire Department will be happy to answer your questions, provide you with resources and give fire safety and prevention tips.

Burn Permits Required - April 1st to October 31st

Information regarding burn permits, and regulations for open air burning can be found in By-Law 2024-27. For small campfires, property owners only need to apply once, and the permit will be valid for the lifetime that they own the home. Campfire permits are free, while a \$50 fee and advance notice is required for brush or windrow fires.

Get all the details: <https://bonfieldtownship.com/en/municipal-services/emergency-services/fire-department>



Get your furnace or woodstove ready for winter

- Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to the manufacturer's instructions
- Have your heating system, vents and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician
- Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked
- Let ashes from your woodstove or fireplace cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid and keep the container outside

Fire Chief: Shaun McGee

firechief@bonfieldtownship.com
705-499-8968

Fire Hall #1

Address: 107 Railway St

Phone: 705-776-2257

In an Emergency: **Call 9-1-1**



Plan your home fire escape



1. Draw a floor plan of your home
2. Include all possible emergency exits
3. Show two ways out of every room, if possible
4. Identify anyone who needs help to escape
5. Choose a meeting place outside
6. Call the fire department from outside your home
7. Practice your escape

Learn More: www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/escape-planning

Test smoke alarms and CO2 detectors at least once every month

Test your smoke alarms every month by using the test button on the alarm. When the test button is pressed, the alarm should sound. If it fails to sound, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery.



Clogged dryer vents are a leading cause of house fires. Stay safe—clean your lint trap after every load and have your dryer vent inspected and serviced regularly.



Consider choosing **battery-operated candles** over real flames, especially around children, pets, and decorations.

Keep **space heaters** at least one metre or three feet away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery and clothing.



Learn More: www.ontario.ca/page/fire-safety-home

HAPPENING IN BONFIELD

FALL CLASSICS RACE

Event Park - 357 Development Rd
Friday Sept 19 to Sunday Sept 21

Mark your calendars and join the Bonfield Event Park for one of the most exciting racing weekends of the year!

The Fall Classics Race returns to the Bonfield Event Park. This action-packed weekend features a full lineup of racing!

Contact: nancyc@thebafm.com

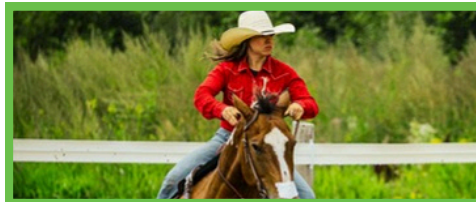


ROCKIN' HORSE RIDING ASSOCIATION

Fair Grounds - 105 Trunk Rd, Bonfield
Saturday Sept 27. 8:30 am

Come out for an exciting day of western-style competition and horsemanship! Riders will showcase their skills in a variety of classes.

Want to learn more about the event? Visit Rockin' Horse Riding Association on Facebook.



ROLLY'S PIT STOP #2 PUMPKIN CARVING

Rolly's #2 - 232 Yonge St, Bonfield
Saturday Oct 18. Starting at 12:00 pm

Join Rolly's Pit Stop #2 for their annual Pumpkin Carving Event. Please be sure to book your spot ahead as space is limited.

Two different time slots to choose from with 12:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Be sure to register in advance to secure your spot!

Contact
705-493-7657 to register.



Halloween IN BONFIELD



**6th Annual Bonfield
Halloween Parade
Saturday Oct. 25 at
6:30**

House Decorating Contest - Entries due Oct 17

Think your home has what it takes to win the crown of Bonfield's Best Decorated Home? From pumpkin wonderlands to haunted graveyards, we want to see your most hair-raising Halloween décor!



Pumpkin Carving Contest - Entries due Oct 31

Ready to claim the title of Bonfield's Pumpkin Carving Champion? It's time to scoop, slice, and let your creativity run wild! From spine-chilling jack-o'-lanterns to adorable autumn works of art, we want to see your most gourd-geous designs.



6th Annual Bonfield Halloween Parade - Saturday Oct. 25 at 6:30

Get your costumes, lights, and spooky decorations ready—it's time to make this year's parade bigger, brighter, and eerier than ever! We're calling on local residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to create a float and be part of the Halloween magic.

Parade Route: Starting at the corner of Gagnon St and Development Rd and traveling to the Firehall #1 using Gagnon St, Church St and Mark St.

Enter a float: Please email officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com with all of your float details, including your float name and contact information.

Candy and monetary donations needed! Your support helps keep the tradition alive, and every bit—whether it's coins or candy—goes a long way to making this year's event a success. Candy donations can be made at the Township Office, Bonfield Public Library, Caisse Alliance and Yogi Bar & Kwik-Way. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Township Office, Caisse Alliance, or e-transferred to webmaster@bonfieldtownship.com, with the password: halloween



Additional information for all Halloween in Bonfield Events available at www.BonfieldTownship.com/halloween

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Community Centre - 100 Yonge St
Sunday Nov. 2 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Join the Bonfield Golden Age Club as they celebrate the Christmas season. Check out local vendors, crafts, baked goods, penny sale, door prizes and much more!

Lunch is available for \$5.00

For additional information please contact Andrée Gagné at 705-477-3592



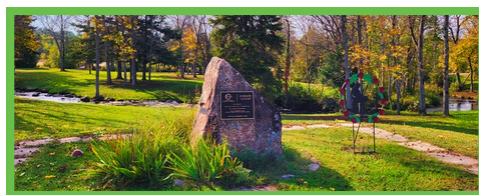
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Kaibuskong Park - Cenotaph
Municipal Grounds. 365 Hwy 531

Residents of the Township of Bonfield are cordially invited to attend the Remembrance Day Memorial Service.

Attendees are invited to start gathering for the service around 10:45 a.m. at the municipal office. Refreshments will be served after the memorial service in the Township Office.

Date to be determined



LOOKING FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS HAPPENING IN BONFIELD?

Visit our Events Calendar at events.bonfieldtownship.com and subscribe to stay up to date.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can submit your own community event? Simply create an account and submit your event along with all the details, a poster and contact information!

CHRISTMAS IN BONFIELD

Community Centre - 100 Yonge St
Saturday Nov 29. 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Live Music and more!

Come celebrate Christmas in Bonfield! This festive gathering is all about connecting with neighbours, and creating cherished memories! Enjoy live music, kids' activities, friendly competitions, and so much more.

Children's Activities

We'll have a special Letters to Santa station where little ones can write and decorate their letters to Santa Claus. A kid's colouring contest will also take place. Grab your crayons, markers, and holiday cheer, and get colouring! Pick up a coloring sheet at the Township Office, Bonfield Library or download it from: our website.

Full Details Available at:
www.BonfieldTownship.com

Fill-A-Cruiser

Let's come together to make a difference. Help us Fill-a-Cruiser event, where we'll be collecting non-perishable food items to support Bonfield Food Bank.

Baked Goods Exchange

Bake up a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas treats. Pack: Package them into portions of 1/2 dozen. Swap: Trade your treats with others, taking home an equal amount in exchange for what you brought.

Soup & Chili Contest

Warm up your holiday spirit and your taste buds at our Soup and Chili Contest! This friendly competition is open to all who want to showcase their culinary talents.

Register ahead of time to secure your spot in the contest.

Contest details and registration forms are available at www.BonfieldTownship.com or at the Township Office



LIONS TELETHON

Lions Den - 350 Line 3 S
Saturday Nov 29, 2025

Support the Bonfield & District Lion's Club by contributing to their Christmas telethon. Stay tuned for more details!

LION'S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Community Centre - 100 Yonge St
Sunday Dec 7, 2025

Join the Bonfield & District Lions Club at the Bonfield Community Centre, 100 Yonge St for Breakfast with Santa.

Please watch for info regarding registration on the Lions Facebook page and at local area businesses.



LIBRARY

365 Hwy 531, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0
Email: bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Telephone: 705-776-2396
Website: www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca



Expanding Your Horizons

B.P.L Homeschool Meet Up

Every Monday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

We are an inclusive, accessible and safe space that supports all types of learners, facilitators, homeschoolers, and their families.

Halloween Costume Exchange

Step 1: Drop off a gently used costume

Step 2: Grab a new-to-you costume.
(You don't need to donate in order to pick up a costume.)

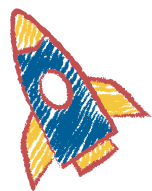
Drop in anytime during regular business hours.

October 1st - October 31st, 2024



What did the Bonfield Public Library do this summer?

- TD Summer Reading Program
- IXL Online Program
- Grab & Go Kits
- Authors in August
- Puppet Theatre
- Science North
- Lego Night
- Camp Giveaway



We would like to recognize the Friends of the BPL for their generous financial contributions, which make many of these wonderful programs possible.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday 10:00am – 4:00pm Tuesday 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 8:00pm Thursday 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm Friday & Sunday - Closed
Website: www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca Follow us on Facebook

UPCOMING CLOSURES: September 30 for National Truth and Reconciliation Day, and October 13 for Thanksgiving Day

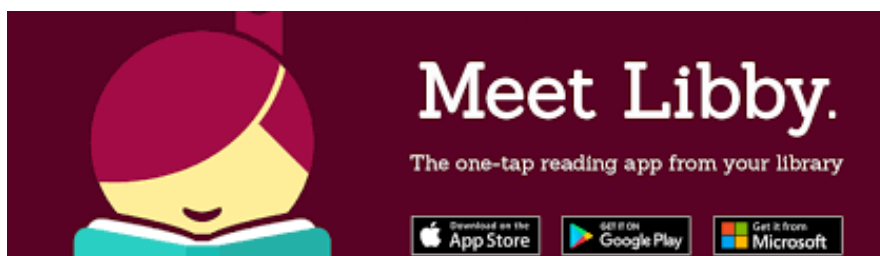


Come and say hello during Ontario Public Library Week October 19-25, 2025!

Celebrate #OPLW by visiting the BPL this week and discover all the ways your library is there for you! From internet access to job search help, there is a library for everyone at every stage of their life. #LibrariesForLife

Seed Lending Library

If you have had success with your gardens this year, and have any plants you're allowing to produce seeds for next year's planting, we are happy to accept them as donations towards next year's BPL Seed Library. Contact us at 705-776-2396.



All over the world, local libraries offer millions of ebooks and audiobooks. You can borrow them – for free, instantly – with a library card and Libby: the award-winning, much-loved app for libraries. Learn more at: www.bonfieldlibrary.ca